mentioned cases to Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi as they are all of identical nature. The next date of hearing in the matter has been fixed for 1-6-1990 at CAT , New Delhi.

Appointment of Diploma Holder Engineers in All India Radio

2294. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Diploma Holder Engineers of All India Radio were eligible for promotion to all the posts as per common seniority with Degree Holder Engineers according to the Recruitment Rules, 1975;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by amending the Recruitment Rules in 1988, the Department is denying promotion to Diploma Holder Engineers in All India Radio, who, are about 80 per cent of the total Engineering Staff strength;

(c) whether it is also a fact that department is ignoring the interest pf Diploma Holder Engineers by providing better promotional prospect to a few Degree Holders and also violating the D. O. P. T. guideline through this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for ignoring the Diploma Holder Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir. Diploma Holder junior Engineers (Civil) & (Electrical) are eligible for promotion to the grade of Assistant Engineer (Civil) & (Electrical) even as per the modified Recruitment Rules.

(c) No Sir. D. O. P. T. instructions have not been violated. Amendment to the rules has been done in consultation with Department of Personnel & Training and Union Public Service Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

Policy of Selecting Feature Serials, Programmes Telecast By A.I.R and Doordarshan

2295. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present policy of selecting feature films/serials/programmes for broadcasting/telecast by AIR and Doordarshan; and

(b) what specific steps are being taken by Government to popularise the regional culture through the media?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The information in respect of Doordarshan and All India Radio is given in Statements I and II respectively. (*See* below)

(b) Doordarshan takes due care in selection of programmes to ensure that as far as possible the rich and varied regional culture gets properly projected.

In so far as All India Radio is concerned, the programmes broadcast by All India Radio stations are primarily regional programmes reflecting enriched culture of the respective regions.

Statement-I

Norms for selection of Serials and Feature films for telecast on Doordarshan

A. *Serials*

Sponsored T. V. Serials are selected after taking into consideration the merit of the script , the credentials